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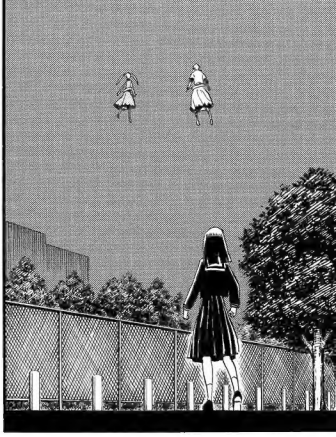
WHAT'S WRONG, FORTUNA? WHAT--
HEY, FUUTA?
WHAT'S WRONG?
MASTER ...?
CIRCLE 43
I AM HERE 3

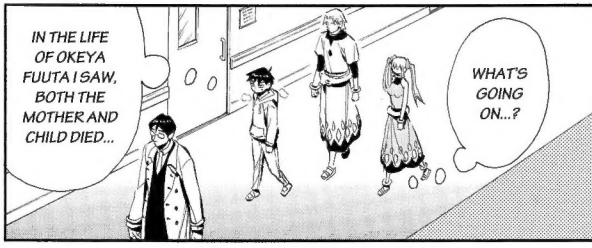
WHAT... IS GOING ON...?
MOM HAD AN EASY DELIVERY AND IS DOING WELL, TOO.
BEEP
IN ANY CASE, COME QUICKLY!! THE BABIES ARE CUTE!!
...BUT IF YOU'RE FINISHED, LET'S RESUME.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAS YOU DUMB-FOUNDED...
HURRY!!
FOR... FOR-TUNA!! THE HOSPITAL!!

TURN
DASH
HEY!
?!
I NEED TO CONFIRM WHAT'S HAPPENED ...!!
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!!
YOU'RE RUNNING, FORTUNA?!
WAIT!!
KOUKO, WAIT HERE.
EAST!! RUNE!!
I-I'M GOING, TOO!!
I'M CURIOUS AS WELL. LET'S GO AFTER HIM.



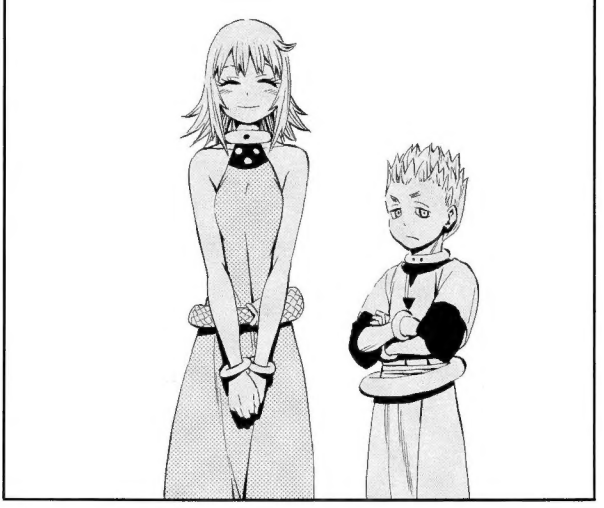
OVER HERE!!
FUUTA!!

THE CHILD WAS BORN SAFELY ...?!
MOM AND THE BABIES ARE STILL IN THE DELIVERY ROOM.
DID YOU RUN HERE?
WHEEZE
WHEEZE

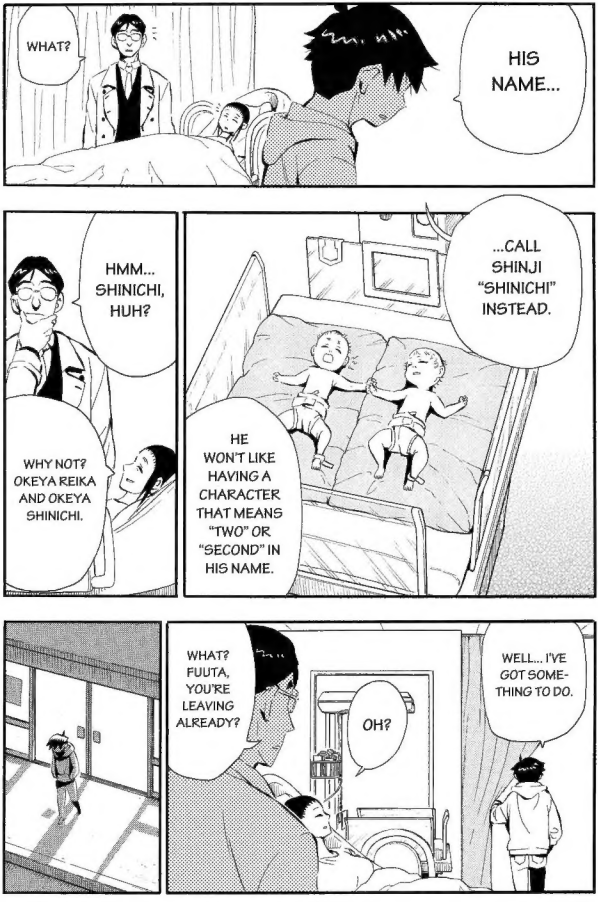

IN THE LIFE OF OKEYA FUUTA I SAW, BOTH THE MOTHER AND CHILD DIED...
WHAT'S GOING ON...?

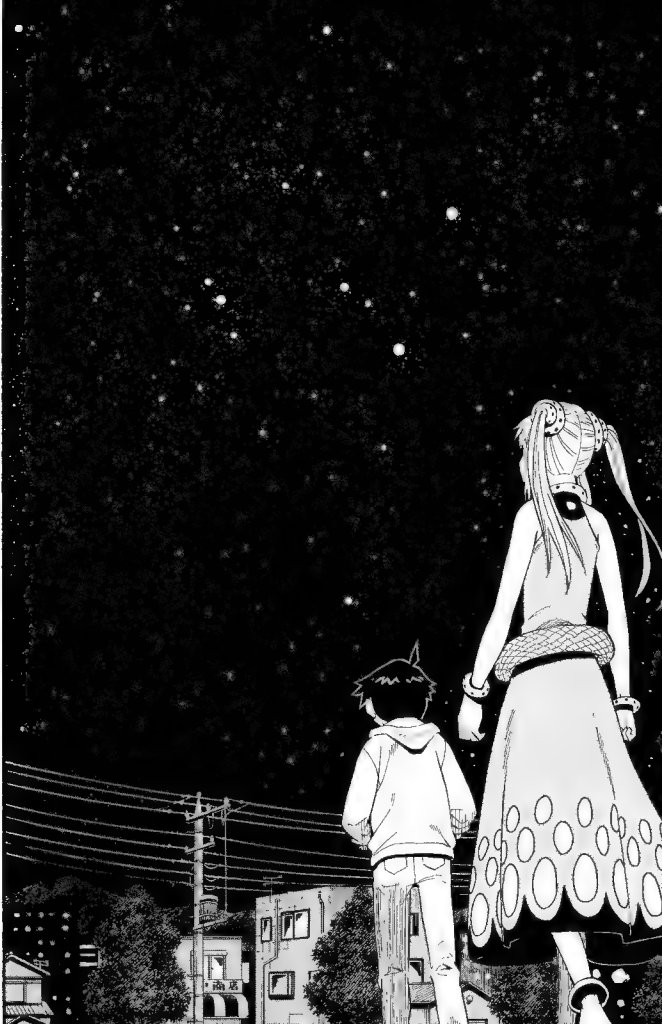
THEY'RE TWINS, A BOY AND A GIRL.
WE WANTED TO NAME THEM ONCE WE SAW THEIR FACES.
WHAT-EVER CAME TO MIND FIRST.
THE GIRL IS REIKA.
THE BOY IS SHINJI.
...WHAT DO YOU THINK?

ASH...!!
KAJIRO... THAT'S KAJIRO...
YEAH, THAT'S REI... THAT GIRL IS REI.
...REI...? ISN'T THAT REI...?



MASTER...
FLAMBE...


WHAT?
HIS NAME...
HMM... SHINICHI, HUH?
WHY NOT? OKEYA REIKA AND OKEYA SHINICHI.
HE WON'T LIKE HAVING A CHARACTER THAT MEANS "TWO" OR "SECOND" IN HIS NAME.
...CALL SHINJI "SHINICHI" INSTEAD.
WHAT? FUUTA, YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?
OH?
WELL... I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO DO.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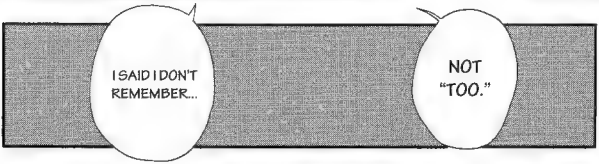
DO YOU REMEMBER?
THE DAY WE FOUND KOKO WAS COLD LIKE TODAY, TOO.
THERE WASN'T A CLOUD IN THE SKY THAT NIGHT, EITHER. YOU COULD SEE THE STARS CLEARLY.
FORTUNA SAID NOT TO CALL HER REI, BUT KOKO INSTEAD.
HE CHANGED HER NAME.
FOR FORUNA, REI...
...WAS HIS MASTER ALONE. IT WAS AN IMPORTANT NAME TO HIM.
...I DON'T REMEMBER... WHAT HAPPENED SO LONG AGO.

I REMEMBER IT...
...LIKE IT WAS JUST YESTERDAY, TOO.


NOT "TOO."
I SAID I DON'T REMEMBER...

FORTUNA...
YOU SAID...

...THAT THE BABY WOULD BE STILL-BORN, AND MOM WOULD DIE, TOO.
AND...
...THAT I'D NEVER SEE REI AGAIN.
THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP WAS OVER. THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT TO LEARN.
YOU SAID THAT.

BUT...
...I GOT TO SEE HER AGAIN.

SO WHAT?
I'M NOT A GOD YET.
I CAN BE WRONG SOME-TIMES.

...THIS WAY.

SURE.
THIS TIME.

WE'LL SETTLE THIS HERE.
WE'RE FAR AWAY FROM WHERE WE WERE EARLIER.
THIS TIME...
...UNTIL THE END.

CLANG

?!

HE'S MORE DETER-MINED THAN BEFORE!!
WHAT HAP-PENED ...?!
TANG
TANG
TANG
FOR-TUNA, STOP!!
HOW CAN YOU KEEP FIGHTING AFTER SEEING THAT?!
WHY ARE YOU STILL FIGHTING...
...FOR-TUNA?
WE CAN TRY AGAIN WITH THEM IN THIS WORLD!!
MASTER REI AND FLAMBE... EAST, RUNE, AND KOKO...

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN TRY AGAIN.
NOT ME.
MASTER!! KOKO-CHAN!!
PLEASE STOP!!
!! RU ...!!

THWOOM

GRAB
HE TOOK MY ARM'S SPIRIT AND MY CIRCLE...!!
HE GOT ME ...!!

SHRINK
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?!
ISHI-GAMI-SAN!!
WHY IS IT CLOSING?
H-HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?!
...GOING TO DISAP-PEAR?!
AM I...
THIS IS THE END.

...EVEN THOUGH RUNE SCREAMED FOR US TO STOP...
I DIDN'T FEEL ANY-THING...
...I JUST TOOK YOUR ARM.
THAT'S WHY...
KOKO-CHAN...
NO... BECAUSE OF ME...
RUNE...
...EVERYTHING IS ABOUT TO DISAPPEAR.
THOUGH EITHER WAY...
SWALLOW AND FEED UPON THIS PLANET!!
FWOOM
SPIRIT CIRCLE!! SPIRIT MATTER CONVERSION!! TWIN RINGS!!

FWOOM
GOODBYE, WORLD!!

GRAB
DAMN IT...!!

GRAB
GRAB
GRAB
...DISAP-PEAR-ING!!
I'M NOT...

GUYS...
!!
HEAVE, HO!!

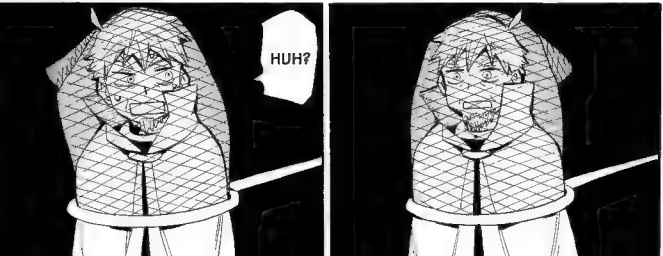
SHUT UP!!
THAT'S NOT KOKO!!

MASTER!!
WE FINALLY GOT TO SEE KOKO-CHAN AGAIN!!

WHACK
THERE!!
WHAT?
THAT'S...
HUH?
IT WIDENED?!
FWOOH
GIVE ME THAT!!
WHOA!

THIS?!
...AREN'T MY MASTER OR FLAMBE!!
AND THOSE CHILDREN...
OKEYA FUUTA ISN'T ME!
EVERY-THING!!
SO EVERY-THING!!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF...
FORTUNAAA!!

SHOOMP
...YOU!!


HUH?

WHAT?!
?!
SHIIIING

THAT'S .

SOME ALIENS GAVE ME THIS NET IN A PREVI-OUS LIFE...
...SO THAT I COULD DEFEAT YOU.
OKEYA...
IT'S A SOUL CATCHER!!
FUUTAAA!!

CIRCLE 44
I AM HERE 4
WHO SHOULD I GIVE THE SOUL CATCHER TO?
THINK IT SHOULD BE THE INCARNATION OF KOKO THE HERO?
SHOULDN'T IT BE FORTUNA'S INCARNATION?
IF WE MAKE HER REMEMBER AN OBSERVATION POINT IN HER FUTURE LIFE AT THAT TIME, WE CAN EXTRACT IT AND BREAK THE CONSTRAINTS.
KOKO'S INCARNATION WILL HAVE HER HANDS FULL AT A CRITICAL MOMENT WHEN SHE'S FIGHTING AN INCARNATION HIJACKED BY FORTUNA.
OKAY, THEN.
YOU CAN HAVE THIS.
?!
A BUG CATCHING NET?

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WHAT?!
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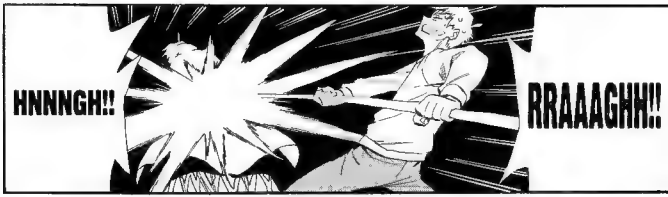
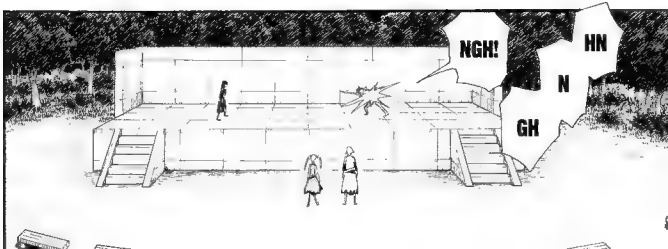
G
ALIENS FROM A PREVIOUS LIFE...
...GAVE ME THIS BUG-CATCHING NET SO I COULD DEFEAT YOU!

SHIIING
WHAT IS THIS?!
FUUTAAA!!
OKEYA...
A SOUL CATCHER!!

GIVE ME BACK MY BODY!!
FOR-TUNAAA!!

BUT...
...I WON'T LET YOU SEAL ME AWAY THAT EASILY!!
...BUT ALSO EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL OBSERVERS.
NOT ONLY DID THE PLANET'S SPIRIT INTERFERE...


HNNNGH!!
RRAAAGHH!!


NGH!
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MAS-
TER...
FOR-
TUNA...
WHERE IS HE BEING PULLED FROM...?!
WHAT ON EARTH IS HAPPEN-ING?
HGN!
HNNNGH!
NGH!
YANK
?!
I'M STRONGER THAN YOU...
HA... TOO BAD!
DAMN... HE'S TOO STRONG!!

HEAVE HO!!

YOU--!! WHY ARE YOU HELPING OKEYA FUUTA...?!
!! THAT'S IT...
IT'S THE BABIES!
BABIES ARE CHANGING MY FATE AGAIN...!!

THOSE BABIES AREN'T MASTER REI OR FLAMBE!!
YOU'RE NOT OKEYA FUUTA, EITHER!!
DON'T LOSE YOUR-SELVES, SPIRITS!!
YOU'RE NOT THE ONES WHO CAN START OVER!!

I'M NOT STARTING OVER. EVERYTHING STARTS NOW.
I AM BOTH FONE AND OKEYA FUUTA.

AND I'M NOT STARTING OVER. I'M JUST GETTING STARTED.
I'M VANN, BUT I'M ALSO OKEYA FUUTA.

I'M NOT STARTING OVER. I'M STARTING NOW.
I AM FLORS AND OKEYA FUUTA.

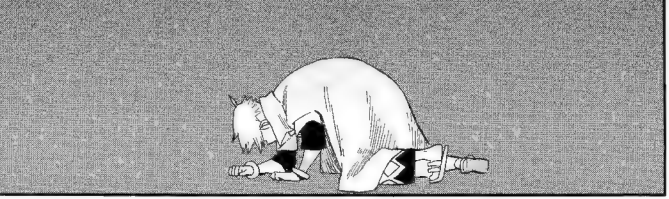
I'M NOT STARTING OVER. I'M STARTING NOW.
I'M HOUTAROU AND OKEYA FUUTA.

I'M NOT STARTING OVER. I'M STARTING NOW.
I AM LAFALLE AND OKEYA FUUTA.
I'M NOT STARTING OVER. I'M STARTING ANEW FROM NOW!!
I'M OKETANI FUUKO AND OKEYA FUUTA.
...WHY THE BABIES THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO DIE... WHY THE SOULS OF MASTER REI AND FLAMBE WERE BORN WITHOUT COMPLICATIONS!!
FORTUNA!! YOU SHOULD KNOW...
RAAAGG GHHH!!!
LIKE HELL I DO!!

IT'S BECAUSE YOU CAME HERE!!
SHUT UP!!
MASTER REI CURED YOU WHILE YOU WERE INSIDE ME!!
FLAMBE GRANTED YOU AND ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAL HUMANITY!!

TO SEE YOU!! BOTH OF THEM!!
SHUT UP!!

YOU ASKED THAT YOUR BROTHER...
...NOT HAVE CHARACTERS MEANING "TWO" OR "SECOND" IN HIS NAME.
THE HEALING AND THEIR LIVES...
...HAVE ALREADY BEGUN.
FOR US AND FOR EVERY-ONE.
FOR EACH OTHER...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEARCH FOR IT.
EVERY-THING IS RIGHT HERE.



DON'T CRY.

THERE'S NOTHING...
...TO BE SAD ABOUT.
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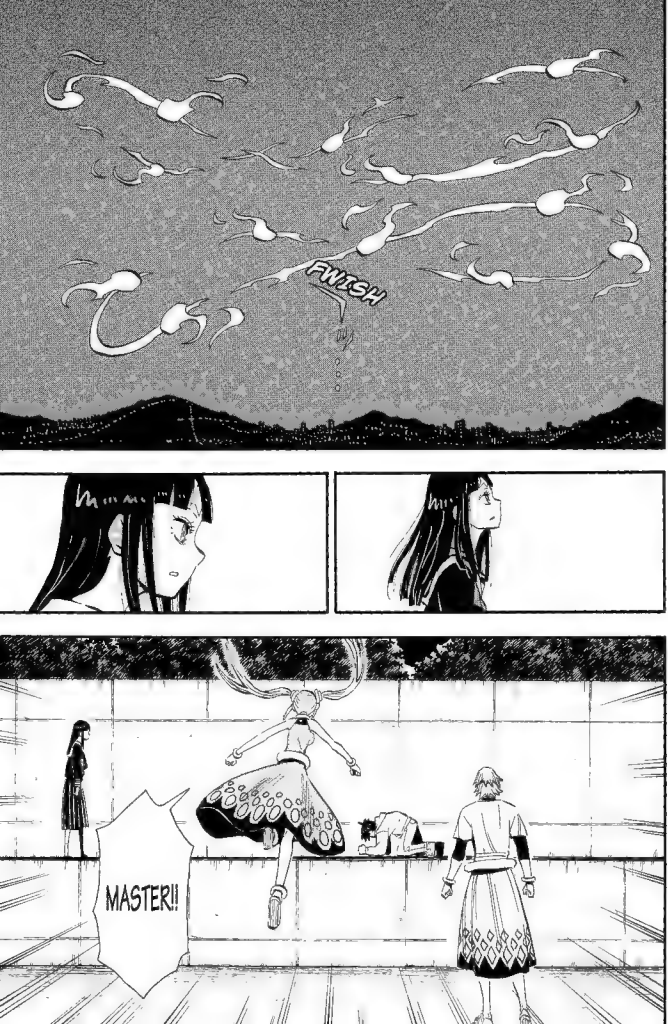
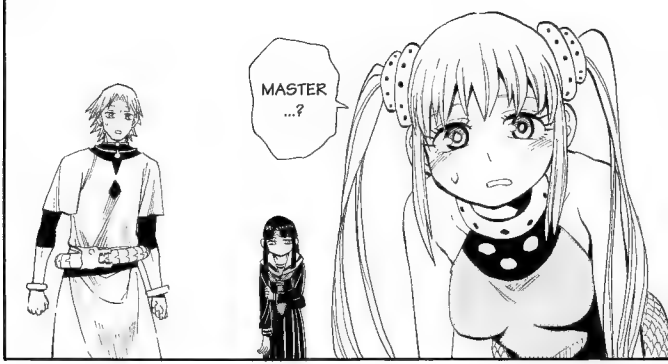

FWISH
MASTER!!

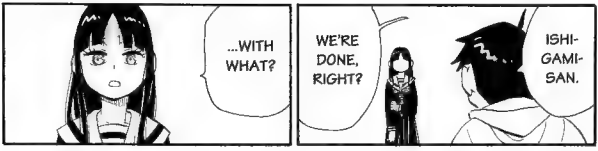

MASTER ...?

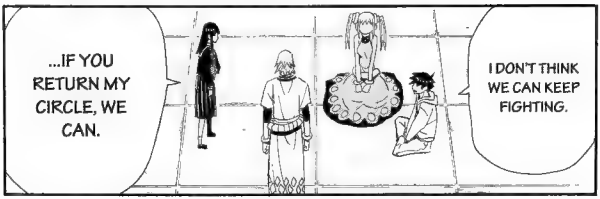
SORRY... ...FOR ALL THE TROUBLE.
...GOOD MORNING, RUNE.

...YOU'RE BACK.
OKEYA-KUN...
WAAAH!!
MAS...
THERE WAS A TUG OF WAR INSIDE ME.
WHERE IS FOR-TUNA ...?
WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED?
ONCE THINGS CALM DOWN...
...HE'LL RETURN TO THE CYCLE AGAIN.
BUT HE DIDN'T DISAPPEAR, AND HE WON'T BE FROZEN FOREVER.
I SEALED AWAY FORTUNA WITH THE SOUL CATCHER.

HE'LL BE REBORN AS FONE...
...AND EVENTUALLY BECOME ME.
SO IN MANY WAYS...
...HE'S RIGHT HERE.

I SEE.
FOR-TUNA...


ISHI-GAMI-SAN.
WE'RE DONE, RIGHT?
...WITH WHAT?


I DON'T THINK WE CAN KEEP FIGHTING.
...IF YOU RETURN MY CIRCLE, WE CAN.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT SATISFIED YOU AND FORTUNA ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU JUST SIT THERE ON THE GROUND...
...BUT I HAVEN'T LOST MY WILL TO FIGHT.
I CAN'T RETURN YOUR SPIRIT CIRCLE.
I'M GOING TO DISPOSE OF IT.
?! HOW?!
IT'S MADE OF SPIRIT MATTER!
EAST, SORRY FOR NOT LETTING YOU GO UNTIL NOW.
I'LL RELEASE YOU.
WHAT? RELEASE ME?
RUNE, THANKS FOR EVERY-THING.
I'LL KEEP MY PRO-MISE.
...PRO-MISE?

AWISH
SPACIFICA.

WHAT'S IT DOING HERE?
WHAT? THE SLEEPING TOWER GHOST?!
I HAVE A REQUEST.

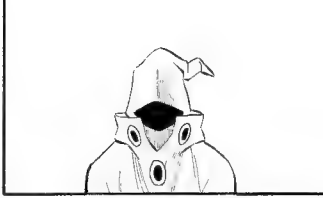
ZZRRRRM

IN EXCHANGE, PLEASE ALLOW EAST AND RUNE TO BE REBORN AS ORDINARY HUMANS.
I'LL GIVE YOU BOTH OF THE SPIRIT CIRCLES.

I'M NOT A GOD.
BUT IT'S POSSIBLE.
PLEASE...
...GOD OF THE EARTH.
DO THEY HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS?
I'LL RESTORE THEIR SPIRITS...
...AND ARRANGE FOR THEIR REBIRTHS.
IS THAT...
I HAVE A CONDI-TION!!
...TO THE CYCLE?
WE CAN RETURN...
..CAN BE HUMAN?
I...

I WANT TO BE BORN AS MY MASTER AND KOKO-CHAN'S CHILD!!
PLEASE!!
I-I'LL CONSENT UNDER THE SAME CONDITION AS WELL!!
...
は
GASP

VERY WELL.



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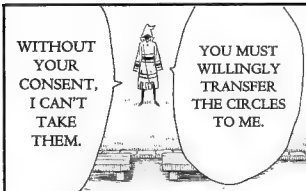

WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT, I CAN'T TAKE THEM.
YOU MUST WILLINGLY TRANSFER THE CIRCLES TO ME.

YOU HAVE MY CONSENT!!
HUH? OH.

YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY?!
HEY... EAST!! RUNE!!
I HAVEN'T GOTTEN TO SAY GOODBYE YET...
IT'S TOO SUDDEN...

THIS ISN'T GOODBYE.
WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.

PLAY NICE, YOU TWO.
DAD AND MOM.

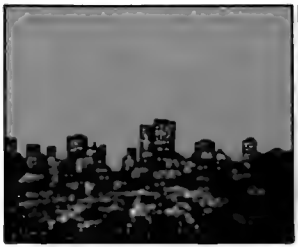
THANK YOU.

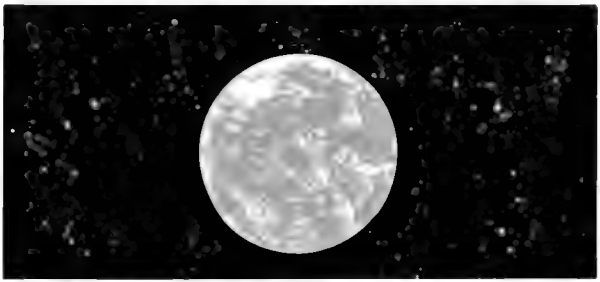
I'M SORRY
I WAS SO ANGRY.
I...
I'M SORRY.
I KEPT FIGHTING.

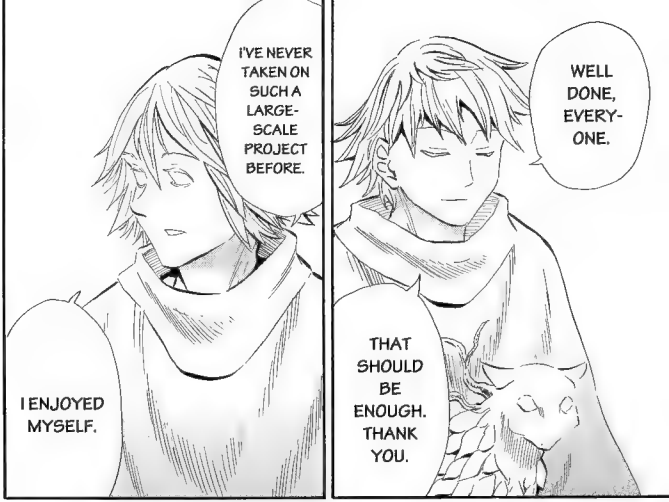
HNN...
NGGH...
WAAAH...

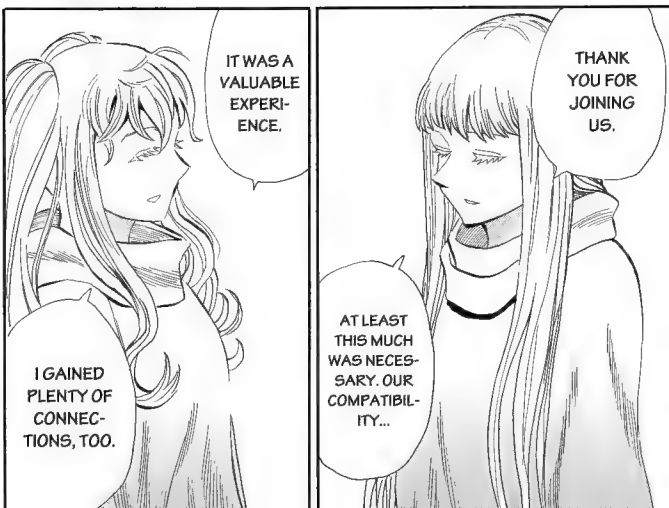
WAAAA AHHH!
WAAAH!

DON'T CRY, SELF.
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE SAD ABOUT.
EAST AND RUNE WERE THE ONLY ONES...
...WHO ALWAYS STAYED MY FRIENDS.






I'VE NEVER TAKEN ON SUCH A LARGE-SCALE PROJECT BEFORE.
I ENJOYED MYSELF.
WELL DONE, EVERY-ONE.
THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH. THANK YOU.

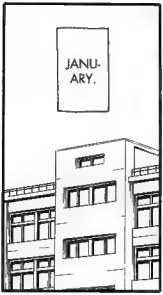

IT WAS A VALUABLE EXPERI-ENCE.
I GAINED PLENTY OF CONNEC-TIONS, TOO.
THANK YOU FOR JOINING US.
AT LEAST THIS MUCH WAS NECES-SARY. OUR COMPATIBIL-ITY...

NOW THEN... NEXT WE MUST LOOK AFTER THE PLANET DESTROYER WITH SUPERNATURAL POWERS IN THE 32ND CENTURY OF UNIVERSE 92,300,000,000...
HE SHOULD BE REINCARNATED ABOUT 49 MORE TIMES BEFORE BEING RETURNED.
COME TO THINK OF IT, UNIVERSE 97,000,000,000'S 16TH CENTURY...
...MIXED-RACE SCHOLAR/MONK WAS ONE OF YOURS, WASN'T HE?
HE GAVE MY WHITE GOD BOY A GOOD EXPERIENCE.
INDEED.
HE SHOULD BE REINCARNATED 42 MORE TIMES.
YOU TAKE SUCH GOOD CARE OF THEM.
THAT SHOULD BE ALL FOR NOW...
THANK YOU.

HUH...?
FANK YEW...

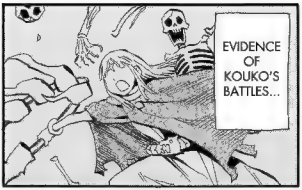
SEVERAL DAYS AFTER MY FINAL BATTLE AGAINST ISHIGAMI-SAN...
...THE MARK ON MY CHEEK DISAP-PEARED.

I HAD A STRANGE DREAM THAT I FORGOT AFTER I WOKE UP.
LATE DECEM-BER.


JANU-ARY.

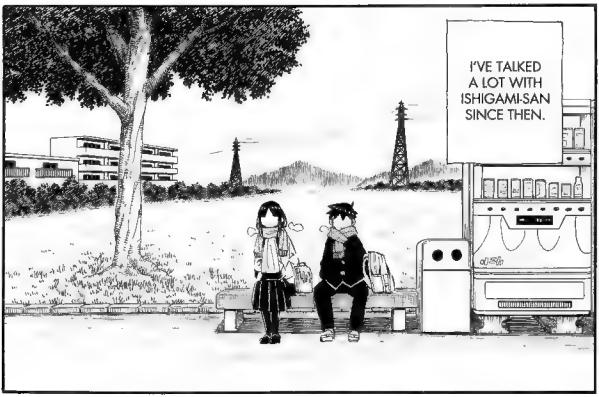
HAD I BEEN FORGIVEN?

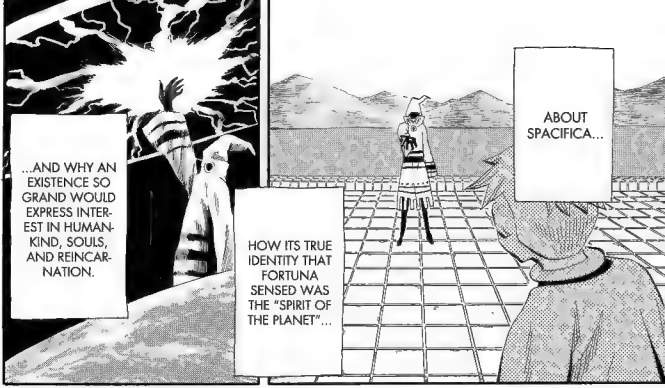
THE CURSED MARK.
THE ONE GIVEN TO ME BY ISHIGAMI-SAN'S PAST LIFE.

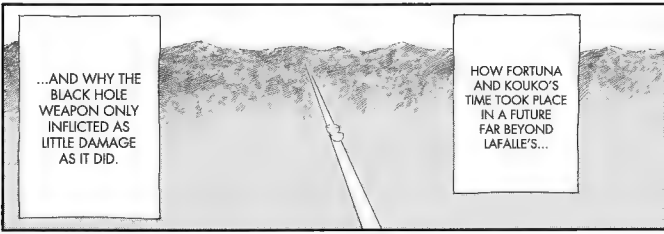

EVIDENCE OF KOUKO'S BATTLES...

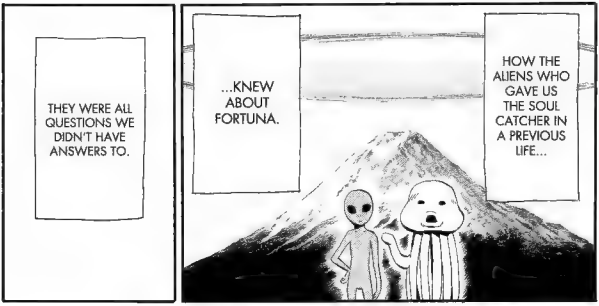
WHEN RUNE AND EAST LEFT US...
...PERHAPS HER WARRIOR SPIRIT WAS BROKEN.

...THE SCAR ON ISHIGAMI-SAN'S FOREHEAD HAD DISAP-PEARED, TOO
BY THE END OF WINTER BREAK...


I'VE TALKED A LOT WITH ISHIGAMI-SAN SINCE THEN.


...AND WHY AN EXISTENCE SO GRAND WOULD EXPRESS INTEREST IN HUMANKIND, SOULS, AND REINCARNATION.
HOW ITS TRUE IDENTITY THAT FORTUNA SENSED WAS THE "SPIRIT OF THE PLANET"...
ABOUT SPACIFICA...


...AND WHY THE BLACK HOLE WEAPON ONLY INFLICTED AS LITTLE DAMAGE AS IT DID.
HOW FORTUNA AND KOUKO'S TIME TOOK PLACE IN A FUTURE FAR BEYOND LAFALLE'S...


THEY WERE ALL QUESTIONS WE DIDN'T HAVE ANSWERS TO.
...KNEW ABOUT FORTUNA.
HOW THE ALIENS WHO GAVE US THE SOUL CATCHER IN A PREVIOUS LIFE...

I WANT TO BE BORN AS MY MASTER AND KOKO-CHAN'S CHILD!!
PROBABLY ALREADY REINCAR-NATED...
...IN A PARALLEL UNIVERSE THAT HELD THAT PO-TENTIAL.
WHERE ARE RUNE AND EAST NOW?
W-WE DON'T HAVE TO HAVE THAT KIND OF RELATION-SHIP!
IDIOT!
...A-ARE WE, UH...
...GOING TO GET M-M-MAR-RIED...?
...
...IF YOU DID HAVE A WAY... WOULD YOU?
I JUST LOST MY SPIRIT CIRCLE AND HAVE NO WAY TO FIGHT YOU NOW.
BESIDES, I STILL HAVEN'T FORGIVEN YOU.

THE WORD ECHOED AROUND INSIDE MY HEAD

TIRED.

SMILE にゃっ
SMILE にゃっ
SMILE にゃり
SMILE にゃり
にゃり SMILE
THEY'RE SO CUTE!!
WHY DID THEY SMILE?
SOMETIMES THEY SMILE FOR NO REASON.

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
BUT THE BOY SEEMS LIKE HE'LL GROW UP TO BE CHEEKY.
THEY WERE SO CUTE.
APPARENTLY FRATERNAL TWINS ARE LIKE THAT.
THEY DON'T LOOK MUCH ALIKE EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE TWINS.

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MARCH
FINAL EXAMS HAD ENDED.
AFTER THE CLOSING CEREMONY.
DUE TO HER PARENTS' CIRCUMSTANCES, ISHIGAMI-SAN WILL BE TRANSFERRING SCHOOLS AGAIN.
I WASN'T HERE LONG, BUT THANK YOU FOR BEING KIND TO ME DURING THAT TIME.

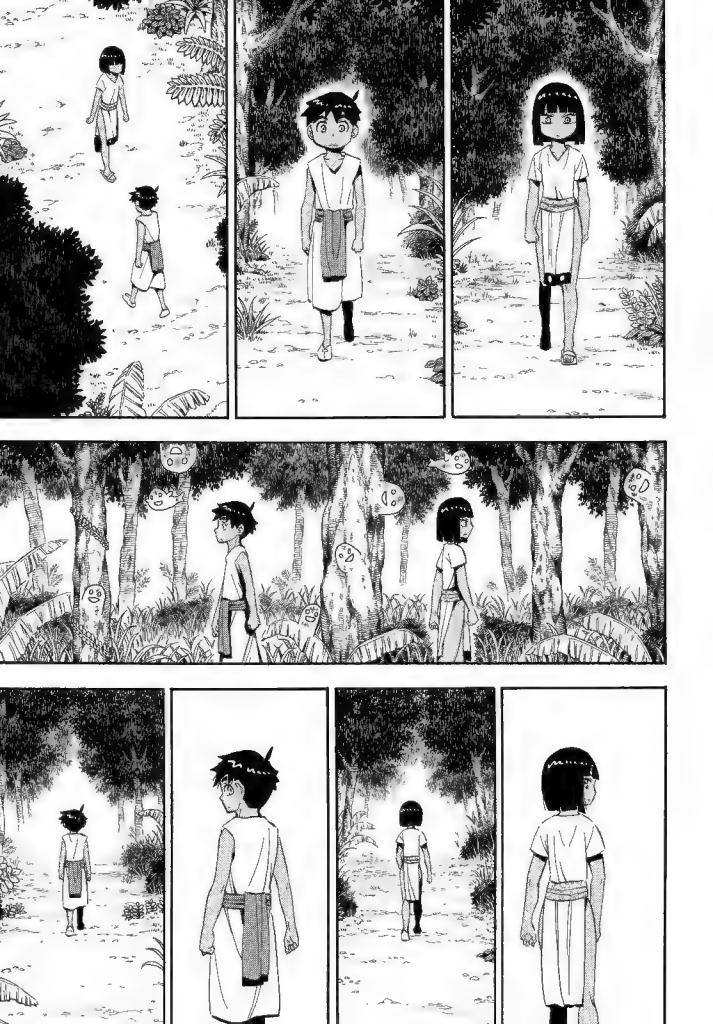
EVEN IF I TRANSFER TO ANOTHER SCHOOL...
...I WON'T FORGET YOU.

...FORGET EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED.
IF WE PART WAYS NOW...
...I REALLY MIGHT...

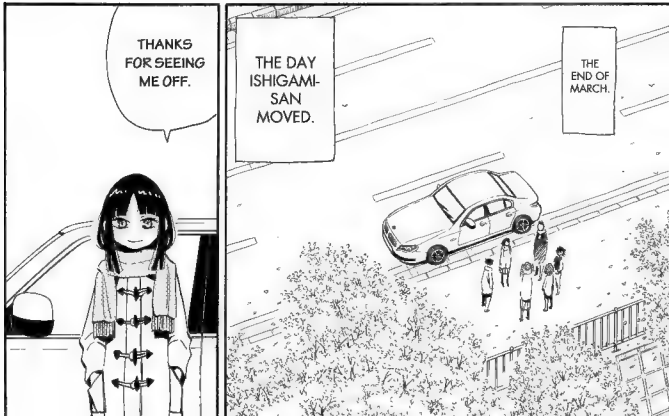
...I HAD A DREAM
THE NIGHT OF THE GOING-AWAY PARTY..

IT'S BETTER TO FORGET SOME THINGS.
WHO IS HE...?
I CAN'T REMEMBER...
BUT...
...DON'T FORGET GRATITUDE.
TREASURE PEOPLE.
TREASURE YOUR FRIENDS.
TREASURE LOVE.
TREASURE FAMILY.

SAY HI TO REI-SENSEI AND FLAMBE FOR ME.
I'M GOING NOW.
I CAN'T REMEMBER...
WHO IS HE TALKING ABOUT...?
REI...? FLAM...?

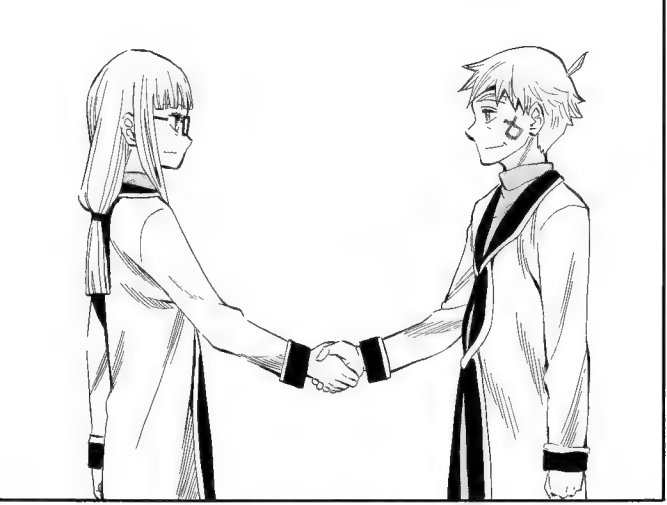


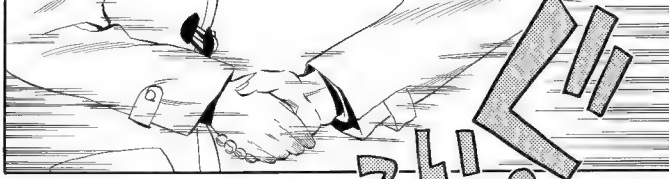
I FELT A BUNCH OF THINGS ENDING INSIDE ME.
I CAN'T REMEMBER ANY OF IT ANYMORE.


THANKS FOR SEEING ME OFF.
THE DAY ISHIGAMI-SAN MOVED.
THE END OF MARCH.

SURE.
LATER.
BYE-BYE, ISHIGAMI-SAN.
DON'T FORGET TO E-MAIL US.
TAKE CARE, KOKO-CHAN.
YEAH. YOU, TOO.
DO YOU STILL REMEMBER YOUR PAST LIVES?
ISHIGAMI-SAN...
...
THIS IS GOOD-BYE.
WHAT AM I ASKING?
PAST LIVES?
WHAT?
I'LL FORGET EVERY-THING...
...AND IT'LL BE OVER.

TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR LITTLE BROTHER AND SISTER.
THE PRESENT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE PAST.
HERE.
SHAKE MY HAND.

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TUG

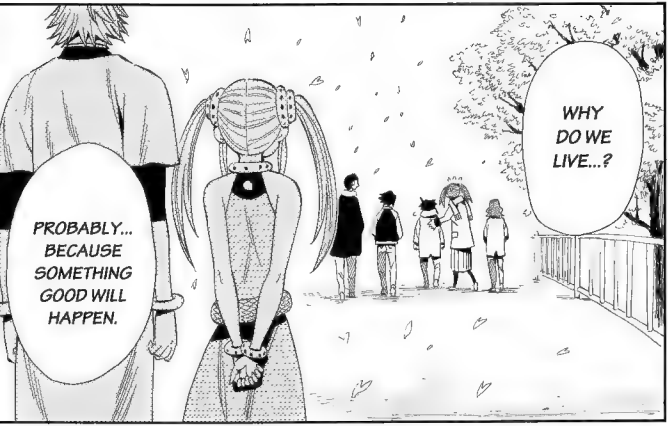
WHA...
WHAT ...?
SHOVE
I'M GOING TO TOKYO FOR COLLEGE!!
IF WE HAPPEN TO MEET AGAIN THERE, I'LL GIVE SOME THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT COMES NEXT!
VWIRRR
WELL, NOT LIKE I CARE IF YOU COME OR NOT.
UNTIL THEN, I'LL LET NONO LOOK AFTER YOU!!
SLAM
NEXT?!
NE--

MAKE NONO HAPPY THEN.
I'LL GIVE UP.
NONO, SORRY FOR SCARING YOU.
WHAP
I-I WON'T LET GO!!
HURK!
GRAB
FWOOSH

I WON'T LET GOOO!!
WHAP
BYE!!
VROOOOM

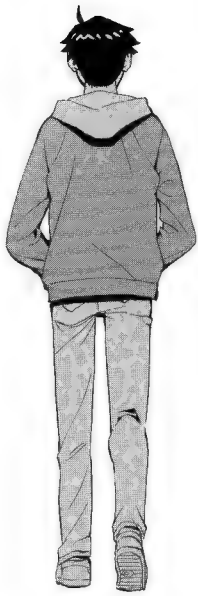
...WHAT A TERRIFYING DAUGHTER I HAVE...
WH-WHY ARE YOU BLUSHING?
ONE STEP TOWARDS ADULTHOOD...
WHAT WAS THAT...?
I'M GLAD I DIDN'T GET CAUGHT UP IN THAT.
THAT WAS SCARY...

YOU CAN ALWAYS START FROM WHERE YOU ARE.
YANK
WHEW
WHAT?
NOTHING HAD ENDED.
NOTH-ING...
SLUMP

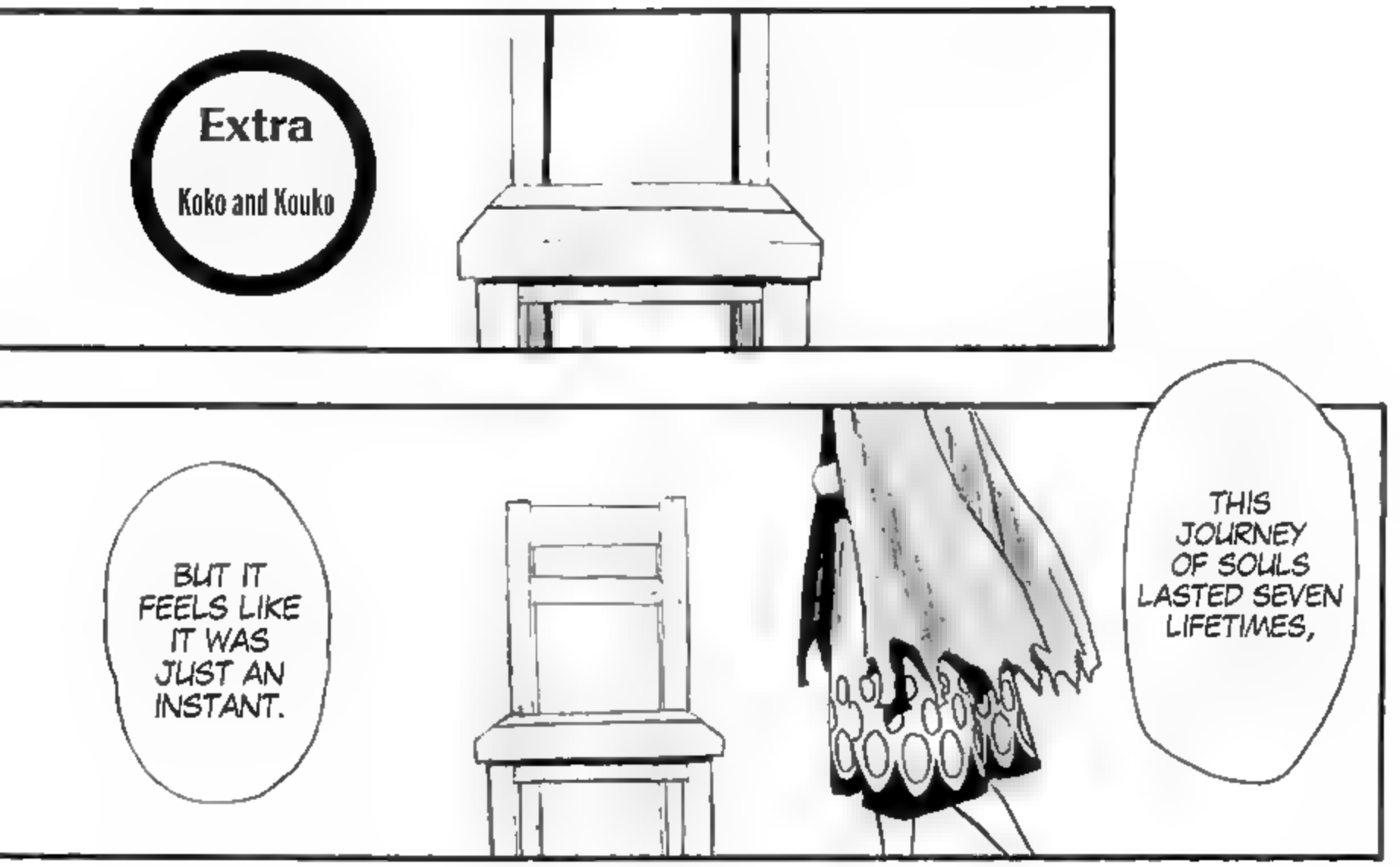

PROBABLY... BECAUSE SOMETHING GOOD WILL HAPPEN.
WHY DO WE LIVE...?

CHAPTER 8

"FUUTA"



THE JOURNEY CON-TINUES


Extra
Koko and Kouko
THIS JOURNEY OF SOULS LASTED SEVEN LIFETIMES,
BUT IT FEELS LIKE IT WAS JUST AN INSTANT.

AND MEMORIES OF OUR PAST LIVES AS HUMANS SIMPLY BECOME UNNECESSARY.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORIES OF OUR LIVES AS PLANTS, INSECTS, OR ANIMALS,

AT ANY TIME,

COULD DESTROY THE WORLD OR SAVE IT.

I'M SURE THAT ANYONE,

I SAVED THE WORLD ONCE.

BUT THAT WASN'T ANYTHING SPECIAL.

MUST BE SEARCHING FOR SOME-THING.

THOSE SOULS, WANDERING WITHOUT THEIR MEMORIES IN THE CIRCLE OF REINCARNATION,

AND FOR ALL THOSE SOULS TO UNDERTAKE

SUCH A LONG JOURNEY...

……

I LOVED HIM.

I ADMIRED HIM.

SO I COULDN'T FORGIVE HIM.

A SOUL THAT CANNOT FORGIVE BECOMES A VENGEFUL SPIRIT.

HATRED BRINGS THE SPIRIT OUT OF THE SPIRAL,

AND SEALS IT IN A CLOSED CIRCLE.

IT IS A TRULY FEARSOME POWER.

AND FORGIVE-NESS

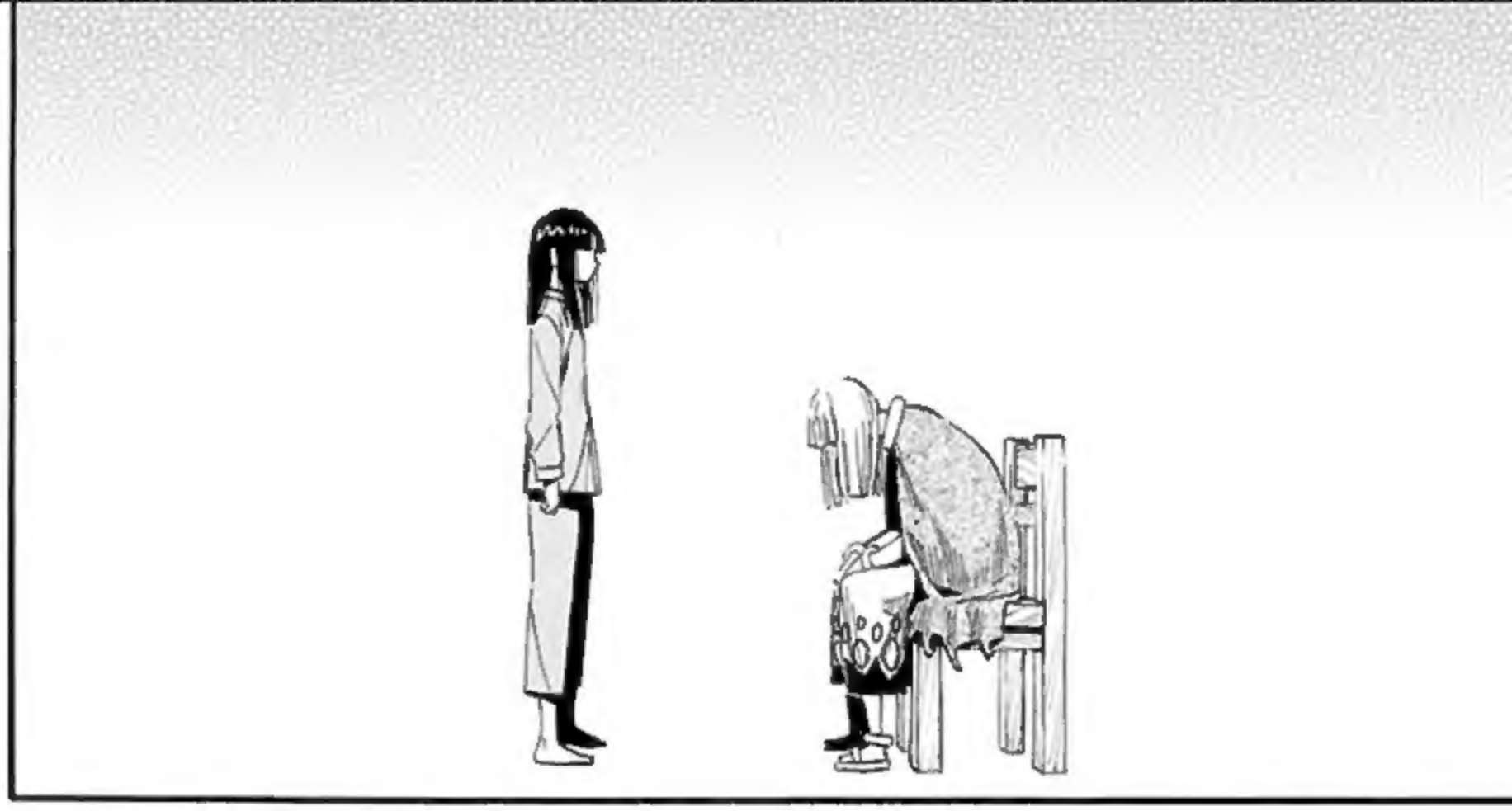
IS THE POWER OF SALVATION

THAT RESTORES ALL TO AS IT SHOULD BE.

THAT POWER TO FORGIVE

IS PART OF WHAT ALL SOULS SEEK.

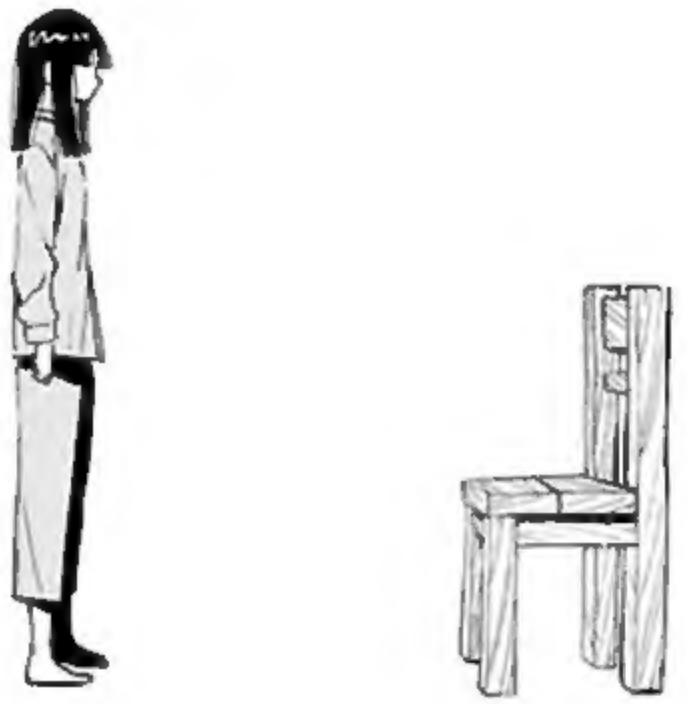
THAT IS WHAT I THINK.



AND I FORGIVE YOU,
KOKO.
I FORGIVE HIM.
I FORGIVE MYSELF.

IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO ON A NEW JOURNEY NOW.
THANK YOU.

GOODBYE.



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SPIRIT CIRCLE
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GOODBYE, ME.

The End